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I think the Microsoft Anti-trust settlement is a bad idea. While it may help to deter them from further violations, it doesn't do enough to restore competition to the market. I suggest either breaking them up into at least 4 companies (OS Core, OS GUI, Applications, and hardware), or force them to expose all OS, and application APIs - including Microsoft Office file formats. They should also not be allowed to break the cross-platform nature of the Internet by implementing platform specific "plug-ins" (ActiveX components) in their web browser.

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